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GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS IN DARWIN'S FOOTSTEPS

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Ancient & Modern Lima

Welcome to Lima, Peru's vibrant capital and the starting point of your South American adventure. Discover a fascinating blend of ancient history and modern energy, from the UNESCO-listed historic centre and colonial architecture to the ancient ruins of Huaca Pucllana.

Along the Pacific coast, lively districts such as Miraflores and Barranco offer ocean views, colourful street art and a distinctly modern atmosphere. Settle into your hotel and enjoy an overnight stay before exploring more of Peru.

DAY 2

Lima

Historic Lima

Explore Lima's UNESCO-listed Historic Centre on a guided city tour, where elegant Spanish colonial architecture, grand plazas and centuries of history reveal the character of Peru's capital. Enjoy lunch before continuing to the fascinating Larco Museum, home to an outstanding collection of Pre-Columbian art.

After the tour, enjoy free time to discover more of Lima at your own pace. Relax in one of the city's lively plazas, sample regional specialities, or simply soak up the atmosphere before returning to your hotel for another overnight stay.





DAY 3

Cusco

Cusco & Sacred Valley

Fly to Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Sacsayhuamán. This impressive Inca ceremonial fortress offers panoramic views over the city and showcases remarkable stonework and ancient engineering.

Continue to the Sulca Textile House Museum to discover traditional weaving techniques and fabrics dating back to Pre-Columbian times. See South American camelids, browse local handicrafts, then journey onward to your hotel in the beautiful Sacred Valley for an overnight stay.



DAY 4

Machu Picchu



Lost City of the Incas

Travel from the Sacred Valley to Ollantaytambo, then board the train for a scenic journey through the spectacular Andean highlands. From Aguas Calientes, a short bus ride brings you to legendary Machu Picchu, the remarkable Lost City of the Incas.

Explore this extraordinary mountain citadel on a guided tour, admiring its ancient stone walls, terraces and dramatic setting above the surrounding jungle. After lunch, return to your hotel for another relaxing overnight stay.

DAY 5

Sacred Valley

Andean Traditions & Cusco

Experience the traditions of the Misminay community, where generations have preserved ancient farming techniques, textile weaving and Andean customs. Learn about local life before enjoying a lunch featuring authentic Peruvian flavours.

Continue to Cusco for a guided walking tour through its historic streets. See the colonial architecture around Plaza de Armas, impressive Inca stonework and Santo Domingo Church, built on the foundations of the ancient Koricanca temple. Afterwards, walk back to your hotel for an overnight stay in Cusco.



DAY 6

Quito

City of Eternal Spring

After breakfast, transfer to Cusco Airport for your flight via Lima to Quito, Ecuador's capital in the lush Andean foothills. Arrive in the afternoon and discover a city set 9,350 feet above sea level.

Quito's UNESCO-listed Old Town is filled with colourful plazas, magnificent churches and beautifully preserved colonial architecture built around an ancient Inca settlement. Settle into your hotel and enjoy an overnight stay.

Quito & the Equator

Explore Quito's historic Old Town, one of South America's largest and best-preserved colonial districts. Wander its cobblestone streets, admire elegant architecture and sample chocolate made from fine Ecuadorian cacao.

After lunch, continue to the iconic Middle of the World City, located north of Quito. Visit the Equator monument and capture the classic photo standing with one foot in each hemisphere.





DAY 8

Baltra Island

Galápagos Adventure Begins

After breakfast, fly to Baltra Island in the spectacular Galápagos archipelago and transfer to the port, where your expedition ship MS Santa Cruz II awaits. Settle onboard as the island adventure begins.

Your first wildlife encounter comes at Mosquera Islet, home to one of the largest sea lion colonies in the Galápagos. Explore the sandy shoreline by small boat and on foot, watching for blue-footed boobies, Sally Lightfoot crabs and other fascinating species while learning about the islands' unique ecosystems from your naturalist guides.



DAY 9

Punta Pitt

San Cristóbal Tortoises

Explore Punta Pitt, the only site in the Galápagos where you may spot all three species of boobies. Enjoy a nature walk, cruise the coastline by small boat, or swim and snorkel in the clear waters.

Later, visit the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve, a breeding centre for endangered giant tortoises. See these iconic animals in a natural-style forest habitat while watching for endemic wildlife such as the San Cristóbal mockingbird and lava lizard.





DAY 10

Santa Fe & South Plaza



Island Wildlife Encounters

Explore the beautiful shores of Santa Fe Island on a scenic nature walk, home to the endemic Barrington land iguana and playful sea lions. Swim, snorkel, kayak along the coast, or discover the marine life below aboard a glass-bottom boat.

After lunch, continue to South Plaza Island, where frigatebirds, swallow-tailed gulls and Galápagos shearwaters soar overhead. Look for land and marine iguanas among the island's colourful vegetation and dramatic shoreline.

DAY 11

Santa Cruz Island



Darwin's Living Legacy

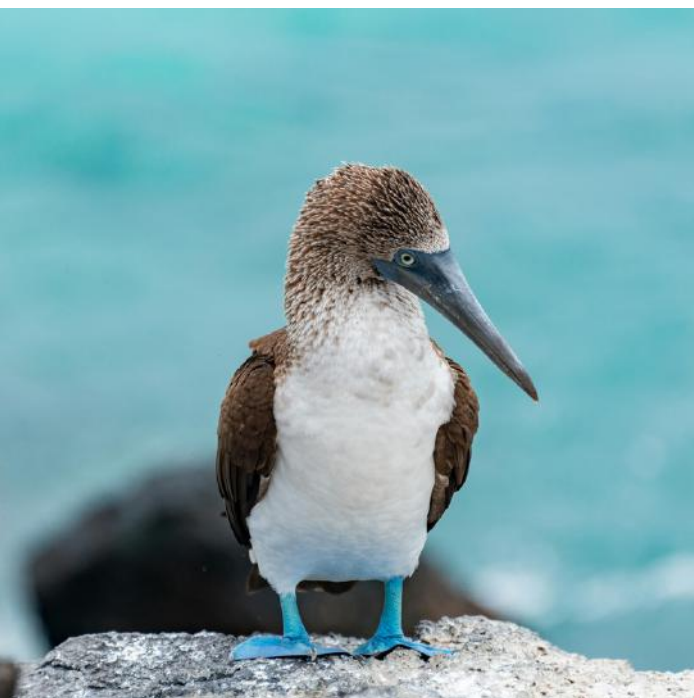
Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora, a renowned giant tortoise breeding centre where you can see young tortoises, Darwin's famous finches and native birdlife among forests of prickly pear cacti.

Later, enjoy lunch in the lush Santa Cruz Highlands, where giant tortoises roam freely through the cooler landscape. You'll also have time for another activity, such as mountain biking or visiting a local sugar plantation.



DAY 12

Española Island



Wildlife of Española

Climb Prince Philip's Steps to the rocky plateau of Genovesa, where large colonies of Nazca boobies, red-footed boobies, frigatebirds and storm petrels fill the landscape. You can also explore the coastline by kayak.

In the afternoon, head to Darwin Bay for swimming, snorkelling or kayaking along its beautiful beach. Take a leisurely walk to spot even more birdlife, or simply relax by the water and enjoy this remarkable natural setting.



DAY 13

Eden Islet

Wildlife Above & Below

Discover the wildlife-rich waters of Eden Islet, where Galápagos green turtles, rays and reef sharks may be spotted beneath the surface. Swim or snorkel among the reefs, paddle by kayak, or explore aboard a glass-bottom boat while frigatebirds soar overhead.

After lunch, sail to North Seymour Island, known for colonies of blue-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls. Look for sea lions and marine iguanas along the shoreline, drawn by the abundant marine life surrounding the island.



DAY 14

Baltra Island



Galápagos Farewell

Your expedition comes to an end as you disembark at Baltra Island and transfer to the airport for your flight to Quito or Guayaquil, where you can connect with your international journey.

Leave the Galápagos with unforgettable memories of extraordinary wildlife, dramatic landscapes and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. You may also choose to extend your stay and discover more of Ecuador with a post-voyage option.

WHAT IS INCLUDED



HOTEL

Two nights in Lima, two nights in the Sacred Valley, one night in Cusco, and two nights in Quito before the expedition cruise, including breakfast. Dinner on Days 3-7

FLIGHTS

- Flights in economy class from Lima to Cusco, and from Cusco to Quito (via Lima), including all taxes
- Flights in economy class from Quito to Baltra, and from Baltra to Quito, including all taxes

TRANSFERS

- For expeditions starting after April 2026, transfer in Lima from the airport to the hotel
- Transfers between the airport and the hotel in Quito before the expedition cruise
- Transfers between the airport and the ship in Baltra
- Note: If your flights have not been booked with us, please ensure you provide full flight details no later than 30 days prior to travel (applies to all transfers from the airport to your booked hotel via HX in Lima on the tour start date)

EXCURSION

- Tour package: Machu Picchu as described, including excursions with lunch, train tickets, entrance fees, transfers in Lima and within the Sacred Valley and Cusco, before the expedition cruise
- Full-day excursion: Historic Quito & Middle of the World, including lunch, before the expedition cruise

EXTRAS

- Galápagos Islands National Park admission fee
- Transit control card for the Galápagos Islands
- Access to the airport lounge at the Quito (or Guayaquil) airport upon return from the Galápagos Islands for guests flying internationally on the day of disembarkation

FOOD & BEVERAGES

- Daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, wine, beer, and spirits
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- All day coffee, tea and soft drinks
- Wine, beer and spirits available at meals and throughout the day and evening (subject to licensing laws, excludes premium drinks)

HX EXPEDITION GEAR

- A complimentary Ocean Bottle water bottle to refill on board and take home
- A lightweight drawstring backpack to use on board and take home with you

SHIP FACILITIES

- Use of sauna, hot tubs, fitness room, lounges and more

COMPLIMENTARY WI-FI

- Complimentary Wi-Fi. Please note, streaming is not supported



WHAT IS INCLUDED

ONBOARD ACTIVITIES

- In-depth lectures and discussions hosted by our knowledgeable Expedition Team
- Full access to the ship's Science Corner
- The Citizen Science Program allows guests to assist with ongoing scientific research
- An onboard professional photographer will give tips and tricks for taking the best landscape and wildlife photos
- Daily briefing with the Expedition Team about the plans for the next day

LANDING ACTIVITIES

- Escorted and guided landings with small boats.
- All necessary equipment for activities, such as walking poles, short wetsuit, and snorkelling equipment (varying sizes for adults, one size for children), will be provided on board on loan. Your HX travel documents will have a recommended packing list.
- Expedition photographer on hand to assist you

EXTRAS

- Professional photos from your trip taken by our onboard photographer
- Gratuities included. Fantastic service is standard at HX – though if you'd like to leave something extra, it's always appreciated
- Range of included activities

NOTES

- All planned activities are subject to weather conditions
- Bookings made less than 100 days before your tour are subject to availability and may affect the Machu Picchu programme. Passport details are required at booking. We recommend booking early to secure your spot
- Your flight from Baltra will be to Quito. If you wish to end your expedition in Guayaquil instead, contact our Expedition Specialists. You can also change your final destination from Quito to Guayaquil while booking online.
- The land programme in Peru and Quito, Ecuador takes place at high altitudes. At 11,100 ft and 9,350 ft above sea level, respectively, you might experience mild altitude sickness.
- The land-based tour in Peru involves long stretches of active travel and walking over uneven terrain. Be prepared for a climate that varies from high altitude to tropical weather.
- We provide snorkelling gear for adults, but please bring your own if you require a special prescription and for children to ensure the best fit and comfort.
- Excursions and activities are subject to change
- Please make sure you meet all entry and boarding requirements
- No gratuities expected for the crew aboard MS Santa Cruz II. Gratuities are not included for pre and post-voyage options.
- Depending on your flight times, an additional overnight might be needed (not included)

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